

Remarks

The following remarks are being submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2010. In the Office Action, claims 1-34 have been examined and are acknowledged to contain allowable subject matter. Claim 2, however, is rejected under 35 U.S.C. the § 112, second paragraph, for containing a limitation that lacks clear antecedent basis. In particular, claims 1 and 3-34 are allowed. The Examiner indicates that claim 2 would be allowed if rewritten to overcome the aforementioned rejection under § 112, second paragraph.

As an initial matter, Applicant herein amends the paragraph under the *Related Applications* heading to update the status of the priority application.

Furthermore, independent claims 1 and 17 are amended herein to further clarify the features recited therein. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to claim 1 obviate the aforementioned § 112, second paragraph, rejection of claim 2.

Further still, as noted in the Interview Summary corresponding to the interview between Applicant's representative and Examiner Worrell conducted on November 10, 2010, Applicant informed the Examiner that additional art would likely be submitted soon in a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

In view of the above, entry and consideration of this Amendment and allowance of claims 1-34 are respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 15-0860. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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